

Policy Number: 6.6
Distance Registered Dietitian Services
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Title: Distance Registered Dietitian Services

Purpose

To reduce the barriers created by Montana's large geographic size and small population; while still providing quality nutrition services for all participants.

Authority

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Policy

High-risk WIC participants may be provided Registered Dietitian services via alternate technology when travel distance is prohibitive for either party.

I. Alternative Technology for Registered Dietitian (RD) Services

- A. The local agency will develop a nutrition education plan outlining the delivery of RD services to high-risk participants.
 - 1. How services will operate in the local agency.
 - 2. Method of providing referral notice to the RD.
 - 3. Equipment that will be used (i.e. Clinic laptop, personal laptop, laptop microphone, phone, camera, etc.)
 - 4. The software program (i.e. Program is being used, who will originate the meeting).
 - 5. Security measures for RD access in order to document visits.
- B. It is preferred that the contacts are "face-to-face."

II. Documentation of Distance RD Services

- A. RD documentation of visits will be maintained in the participant's folder.
- B. One attempt will be made to high-risk participants following a referral from local agency staff.